GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3003
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MISSING OF MI - 8 HELICOPTER
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Army MI-8 helicopter was found missing on 26th February, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the Government had conducted any enquiry in this regard; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A MI-8 helicopter of the Indian Air Force went missing on 26th February, 2001. Subsequently, the wreckage of the helicopter was located in the jungle near the town `Ziro` in Arunachal Pradesh. A Court of Inquiry was ordered to investigate the incident. The Court of Inquiry has concluded that the accident occurred when the helicopter was trying to negotiate bad weather in the area.